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CALLAGHAN

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1. WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON FOR A SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN TO DISCUSS A DIFFERENT SUBJECT, HE ASKED TO SEE ME ALONE FOR A FEW MINUTES. ONE MATTER WHICH WAS VERY MUCH ON HIS MIND WAS THE NATO DECLARATION. HE SAID THAT HE WANTED ME AND MY GOVERNMENT TO KNOW THAT HE THOUGHT USE OF THE WORDS "EUROPEAN UNION" IN THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION WAS MOST INAPPROPRIATE. HE SAID HOWEVER THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY AGREEABLE TO TAKING NOTE OF "GROWING UNITY" AMONG THE STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WHICH ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF NATO.

2. COMMENT. MR. CALLAGHAN DID NOT ADD ANY NEW REASONS TO THOSE EXPRESSED BY HIS REPRESENTATIVE AT THE MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL YESTERDAY, BUT HE MADE QUITE CLEAR THAT HE IS INSISTENT THAT THE WORDS EUROPEAN UNION NOT BE USED IN THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION. I CONCLUDED FROM WHAT HE SAID THAT THE COMPROMISE FORMULA SUGGESTED BY THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE AT NATO YESTERDAY WAS PROBABLY AS FAR AS MR. CALLAGHAN THOUGHT HIS

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